

The Director of Central Intelligence

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Dear Alton,

Appreciate your letter very much and your generous comments on my discussion with the Carnegie Endowment Face-to-Face group.

I would like very much to support you and to have an opportunity to appear before a Council group again. I am afraid that I am not comfortable about agreeing to speak on charters in May. The chances are it would be perfectly suitable. The course which lies ahead for the charters, however, appears to be a very tortuous one with a lot of pitfalls. It may or may not be advisable for me to be talking on this subject in public at what might be a delicate point in the negotiations on the Hill. Perhaps I am a bit unduly apprehensive. So much hangs on these charters, and I am so anxious that we enact a set of good ones that I would just prefer not to take a chance.

Why don't we take a look at the situation in early summer and see if that or some other topic might be suitable in the autumn?

Again, thanks and all the best.

Yours,



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